

***Amendments to the Specification***

Please amend paragraph [0038] of the specification as indicated below.

[0038] The Gap G is preferably between approximately 0.02 and approximately 0.07 mm if it is the only seal and is not combined with a mechanical seal. If the jam surface 44 on the tip surrounding piece 18 and the shoulder 45 on the tip 16 form a mechanical seal, the gap G may be approximately 0.15 mm with a range of approximately 0.05 to 0.35 mm. It will be noted that the gap G required to inhibit the flow of melt is dependent on the specific molding application. The rheological properties of the melt at the injection temperature, such as its viscosity, determine the maximum gap G that provides the desired seal.